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To Chairman Powell.

I **am** writing to voice my support to retain all the FCC rules in question and to urge that the debate to retain these rules be open to the public. These rules set limits on concentration of the broadcast industry and serve the public interest by preserving diversity of ownership in the broadcast marketplace. These rules **are**; The Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross Ownership Ban, The National Television Ownership Rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule.

The great privilege to **carry** on informed debate and discussion of current events, both locally and globally, is part of the founding philosophy of this country. If the avenues for sharing information **are** restricted to very few, then I fear that the quality of the information presented will decay. What is the value of varied information sources when they are controlled by a single voice?

As a writer, I know first hand the importance of freedom of expression. The ability to say things that are potentially challenging to audiences at large, or possibly critical of society's sacred cows and special interests, lies at **the heart of** what I do. If the channels to a potential audience -- be they **broadcast television** production, cable programming channels, local television stations, or even newspapers that promote and review independent works -- fall into the hands of even fewer corporate owners, sharing my work or the work of any artist will become much harder.

I urge you to encourage debate in this matter by holding more public hearings. The public interest will be best served by allowing public debate over rules that will have a dramatic effect over the news and entertainment we will be exposed to for years to come.

Thank you,

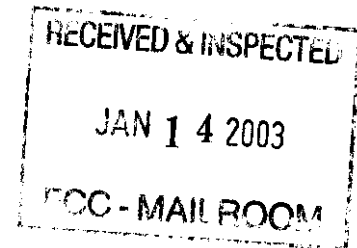
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Chairman Michael Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to you concerning the amount of advertising in the television media. There used to be limits on advertising used per **60** minutes of programming. Today, there appears to be no regulations on limits **to** advertising of products or programs by the networks. Advertising can be informative to the public, but when you have **5** to **6** minutes in a "clump" it becomes indoctrinating. Some sporting events, such as golf tournaments, seem to have one-third to forty percent of the air time in advertising. I view this **as a serious** disservice to the viewing public. There has to be a limit placed on when and how much advertising can be presented.

I would very much like your thoughts on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted D. George".

Ted D. George
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